the Divisional Head. However, this can not be termed as compulsion.

(c) In view of (b) above, question does not arise.

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**Criteria for accommodation for post offices etc.**

5369. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the standard of accommodation prescribed for and that actually being provided now for the office of postal sub-division and single handed post office;

(b) number of sub-divisions circle-wise where Departmental accomodation has not been provided; and

(c) what is the procedure to calculate the rent, electricity and sweeping charges for rented buildings for the offices of sub-divisions and single handed Post Offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The standard of accommodation prescribed for the office of Postal Sub-Division is 180 sq. ft. The standard for single handed Post Offices varies depending on the number of supporting staff and whether it is a delivery or a non-delivery post office. While planning construction of departmental buildings the prescribed norms and being adhered to.

(b) The details are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) For single-handed Post Office Buildings, the rent is calculate by a Rent Assessment Committee which considers the plinth area, land valuation, age of building, prevalent market rent, etc. Electricity is paid for as per consumption. Sweeping charges are calculated according to the floor area of the building. Whenever, a Sub-Divisional Office is located in a part of a Govt. building, the rent, electricity, and sweeping charges are calculated for the entire building and not separately for the sub-divisional office.

**Statement**

*Circle-wise details of sub-divisions where departmental accommodation has not been provided*

| Circle | No. of Sub-Divisions where Departmental Accommodation has not been provided |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 84 |
| Assam | 28 |
| Bihar | 122 |
| Delhi | Nil |
| Gujarat | 10 |
| Haryana | Nil |
| Himachal Pradesh | 13 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 5 |
| Karnataka | 72 |
| Kerala | 3 |
| Maharashtra | 22 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 51 |
| North-East | 31 |
| Orissa | 54 |
| Punjab | 4 |
| Rajasthan | 35 |
| Tamil Nadu | 14 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 153 |
| West Bengal | 27 |
| Total | 717 |

**Non-Delivery of Money Orders**

5370. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of money orders are not delivered in rural and tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to reduce theft and tampering in the case of Money Order delivery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) While there are some cases of non-payment and wrong payment of money orders, the number of such cases is not